COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S (1)

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ITS RATES AND FUEL

ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE BASE FOR ELECTRICITY

SOLD TO MEMBER COOPERATIVES, AND (2)

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE

NOTES OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTED—

NESS, AND (3) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL

OF SALE AND LEASE—BACK OF ITS D. B.

WILSON STATION GENERATING UNIT 1 AND

ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

CASE NO. 9006

and

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO (a) BORROW \$1,110,740,000.00 FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION OR THE FEDERAL FINANCING BANK OR OTHER ELIGIBLE LENDER UNDER 12 U.S.C. SEC. 2285(b), AND TO (b) ISSUE APPROPRIATE EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS TO SECURE THAT DEBT

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ORDER

On July 3, 1984, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") filed a motion requesting that the hearing scheduled on July 17, 1984, be continued for 90 days to allow Big Rivers additional time to determine whether there are feasible alternatives to its proposed sale/lease-back of the D. B. Wilson Unit

No. 1. Big Rivers also agreed to a 90-day waiver of its right under KRS 278.190 to place its proposed rates into effect at the expiration of the 5 month suspension period. Such a waiver will extend the suspension period from October 1, 1984, to January 1, 1985.

After notice to all parties of record, a conference was held on July 5, 1984, at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. All parties were represented at the conference and no objections were raised to the 90-day continuance of the hearing or the suspension period.

The Commission, having considered the matter and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that Big Rivers should be given the opportunity to explore the availability of alternatives to its proposed sale/lease-back of its D. B. Wilson Unit No. 1.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commission's Order entered June 4, 1984, be and it hereby is modified as follows:

Requests for Information to Intervenors

- By September 25, 1984

Intervenors Responses to Requests for Inforamtion

- By October 5, 1984

Hearing - 9:00 A.M., E.D.T., Commission's Offices, Frankfort, Kentucky

- October 16, 1984

Briefs

 2 weeks after conclusion of hearing

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file with the Commission 12 copies of Requests for Information and Responses to Requests and shall provide copies to parties of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission's Order of Procedure entered April 12, 1984, wherein the proposed rates, charges and classifications for electric service were suspended for 5 months on and after May 1, 1984, be and it hereby is modified pursuant to Big Rivers' agreement, and the proposed rates, charges and classifications for electric service be and they hereby are suspended until January 1, 1985.

Done at Frankfort, Rentucky, this 6th day of July, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary